

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended and claim 6 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 7-8, 10-15 and 17-24 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 102:

Independent claim 1 recites an array intermediate ground contact between each two neighboring arrays of the multiple pairs of signal contacts. As an example, present FIG. 2B illustrates this feature. For example, a ground contact 34 is between one array of signal contacts 132a, 132b, 32a and 32b and another array of signal contacts 132a, 132b, 32a and 32b.

The Examiner relies upon the plates 40 and arms 42 of the cited reference as corresponding to the claimed ground contact and signal contacts. However, a plate 40 is between a pair of arms 42, 42 and another pair of arms 42, 42. Dechelette, FIG. 2. Thus, the plates 40 are not between neighboring arrays of multiple pairs of contacts.

With respect to independent claim 10, this claim recites panel shaped ground contacts provided in the two arrays of signal contacts. As discussed above, the plates 40 are not between two arrays of signal contacts.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 103:

The comments above also apply here. Kemmick discloses a signal contact pair 130 and ground contacts 132. Only one signal contact pair 130 is disposed between ground contacts 132. Thus, the claimed feature of a ground contact between each two neighboring arrays of the multiple pairs of signal contacts is not taught.

Dechelette and Matsumoto do not overcome these deficiencies in Kemmick.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the

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application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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